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SUBJECT: TWISTS IN GREEK JUSTICE

1. GREEK PRESS REPORTED FEBRUARY 26 THAT COURT OF MISDEMEANORS SENTENCED EIGHT PERSONS IN CHANIA, CRETE TO PRISON TERMS OF THREE MONTHS TO ONE YEAR BECAUSE THEY INSISTED IN LAST JULY'S PLEBISCITE ON CASTING PUBLIC "YES" BALLOTS. THE EIGHT WERE ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTING PRESSURE CHAIRMAN OF POLLING PRECINCT TO SUSPEND ELECTORAL LAW CALLING FOR SECRET VOTING SO THAT OTHERS WOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE OPENLY IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION.

COMMENT: TENTATIVE CONCLUSION IS THAT UNDER THIS REGIME A LOCAL COURT IS RATHER ABRUPTLY OBSERVING LAST LETTER OF ELECTORAL LAW WHILE UNDER PAPADOPOULOS THE SUPREME COURT THREW OUT MANY ALLEGATIONS OF SIMILAR VIOLATIONS ELECTORAL PROCEDURES ON GROUND THAT EVEN IF ALLEGATIONS TRUE THE FINAL RESULTS IN SUM WOULD NOT BE ALTERED.

2. ATHENS NEWS FEBRUARY 27 REPORTED ANOTHER ABRUPT TURN OF LEGAL FORTUNE WHEN MILITARY REVIEW COURT REDUCED TO ONE YEAR THE FOUR YEAR SENTENCES IMPOSED JANUARY 30, 1974, UPON FOUR YOUNG MEN WHO WERE CONVICTED OF HAVING VIOLATED MARTIAL LAW BY GATHERING AND

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DEMONSTRATING IN ATHENS STREETS ON NOVEMBER 19, 1973, TWO DAYS

AFTER STUDENT RIOTS AND IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW. PRESS REPORTED  
ALSO THAT PRISONERS WERE RELEASED FROM KORYDALLOS PRISON NOT-  
WITHSTANDING NINE MONTHS THEIR ONE YEAR SENTENCES STILL NOT  
COMPLETED.  
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